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SUBJECT: NEW HEBRIDES SITUATION - VANUAAKU PARTY

1. IN ADDITION TO ANNOUNCEMENT BY VANUAAKU PARTY REJECTING MINISTERIAL POSTS IN NEW HEBRIDES GOVT (REPORTED SEPTTEL, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF A LETTER WHICH VANUAAKU SENT NEW HEBRIDES CHIEF MINISTER KALSAKAU AND ANOTHER LETTER WHICH KALSAKAU SUBSEQUENTLY ADDRESSED TO FRENCH AND BRITISH.

2. VANUAAKS PARTY (OR PATI IN PIGEON ENGLISH) LETTER TO KALSAKAU STATES THAT VANUAAKU HAD BEEN WILLING TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE THREE MINISTERIAL POSTS BECAUSE THE CONDOMINIUM ASSEMBLY WAS GOING TO DELIBERATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORM. WHEN THE ASSEMBLY REJECTED A PROPOSAL FOR EARLY ELECTIONS, THE PARTY'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF MINISTERIAL POSTS. LETTER STATES "SIR, IT IS ALSO INCUMBENT ON ME TO

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EXPRESS THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S UNFAVOURABLE OPINION OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE ADMINISTRATION WHICH YOU LEAD." LETTER CLOSES WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT DIALOGUE WILL REMAIN OPEN BETWEEN THE GOVT AND VANUAAKU.

3. IN HIS LETTER TO LORD GORONWY ROBERTS AND MR. PAUL DIJOUD, CHIEF MINISTER KALSAKAU RELATES VANUAAKU REJECTION OF MINIS-

TERIAL POSTS AND GOVT'S ATTEMPTS TO COMPROMISE WITH VANUAAKU  
IN ORDER TO UNITE THE POPULATION IN THE TASK OF BUILDING A  
FREE AND INDEPENDENT COUNTRY. WITH REJECTION OF PROPOSALS,  
HOWEVERN KALSAKAU STATES, "NEITHER THE EMBERS OF THE COUN-  
CIL OF MINISTERS NOR I WILL TOLERATE THAT THE CONTINUATION  
OF A NECESSARILY INCONCLUSIVE AND UNFRUITFUL DIALOGUE SHOULD  
SERVE SIMPLY AS AN EXCUSE TO DELAY THE REALIZATION OF THE  
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAM WHICH THE NEW HEBRIDES GOV-  
ERNMENT HAS SET ITSELF." LETTER STATES THAT IF THE VANUAAKU  
PARTY WILFULLY OBSTRUCTS GOVT WORK, METROPOLITAN POWERS  
SHOULD TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER,  
STOP ALL THREATS AND UNLAWFUL ACTIONS AND ARREST PERSONS  
WHO COMMIT OFFENCES AGAINST THE LAW. SAYS KALSAKAU, "IT  
WOULD BE INCONVEIVABLE TO BOTH OUR COUNTRYMEN AND INTER-  
NATIONAL OPINION THAT SUCH SUPPORT SHOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE.  
I THEREFORE REPEAT MY REQUEST FOR FIRM AND EFFECTIVE ACTION  
IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC ORDER AND PROPER EXECUTION OF THE  
GOVERNMENT WORK PROGRAM DECIDED BY THE LAWFUL NEW HEBRIDES  
AUTHORITIES."

4. COMMENT: KALSAKAU'S LETTER SHOULD BE SEEN AS A CLEVER  
MOVE ON HIS PARTY TO DEFEND THE WRIT OF HIS GOVERNMENT EVEN  
IF HE HAS TO DO SO BY REMINDING THE CONDOMINIUM POWERS THAT  
THEY ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW AND ORDER. TEXT OF  
BOTH LETTERS BEING POUCHED EA/PIA.

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